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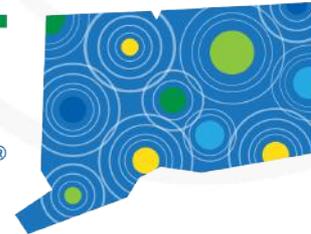
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Year in Review - 2025





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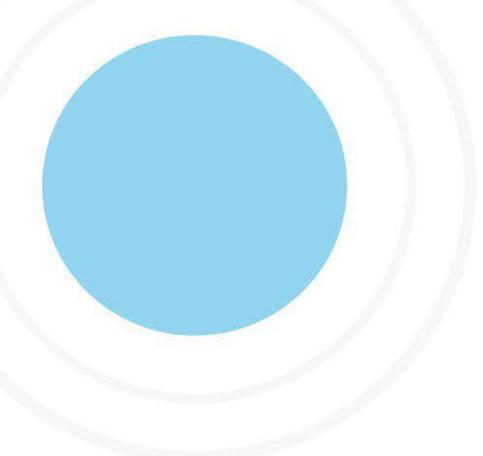
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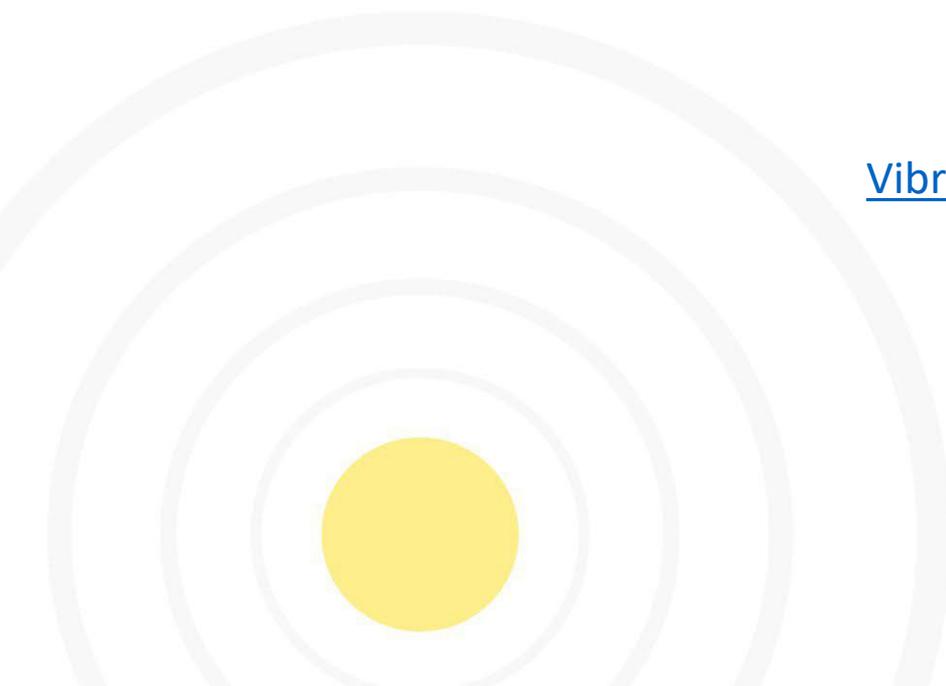
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# The Community Match Fund

The program has supported over **380** projects throughout Connecticut since its inception in 2019, resulting in an investment of over **4.8** million dollars.

In **2025**, the Community Match Fund:

Supported  
**42** projects

Served  
**28** towns

Crowdfunded  
**\$249,154**

Matched  
**\$226,998**

Invested a total  
of **\$476,152**  
in community led  
projects

## How it works

Funding is available on a rolling basis with no deadlines, no long application, and no lengthy review period. To be eligible, projects must:



Be located in a Sustainable CT-registered town



Be publicly accessible and have a clear public benefit



Align with Sustainable CT's [action road map](#) and mission of creating equitable, sustainable communities



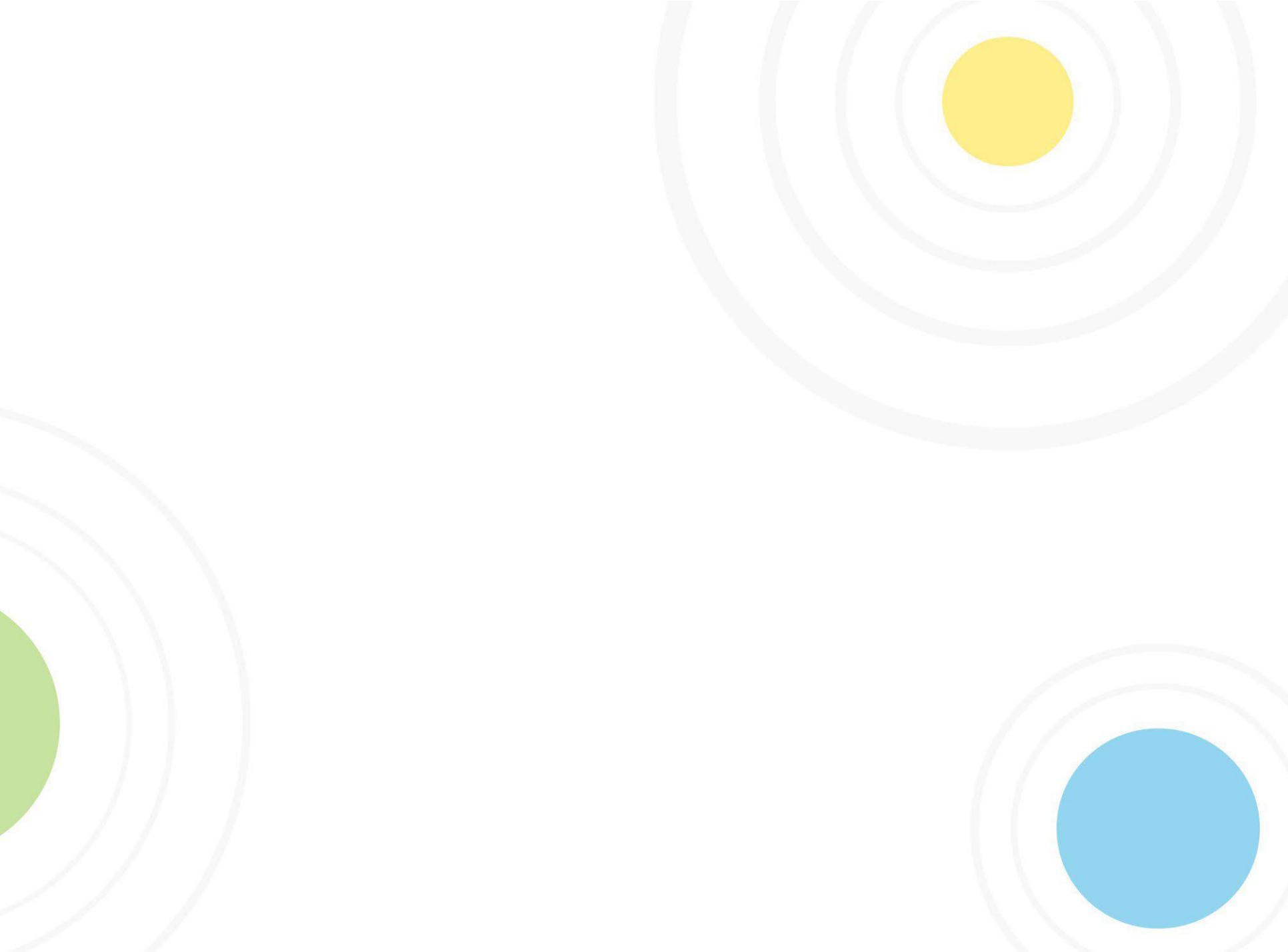
# Ready to get started? Here's how.

Contact Sustainable CT to discuss your project. You can reach the **Community Match Fund Team**, at [funding@sustainablect.org](mailto:funding@sustainablect.org).

We'll review your project and help you make sure it aligns with Sustainable CT's mission and action roadmap. Once we've approved your project, we'll help you set up your crowdfunding page and create a fundraising strategy.

We will help you every step of the way to reach your fundraising goal.

Visit [sustainablect.org/funding](https://sustainablect.org/funding) for more information. And browse all our CMF-supported projects at [patronicity.com/sustainablect](https://patronicity.com/sustainablect).





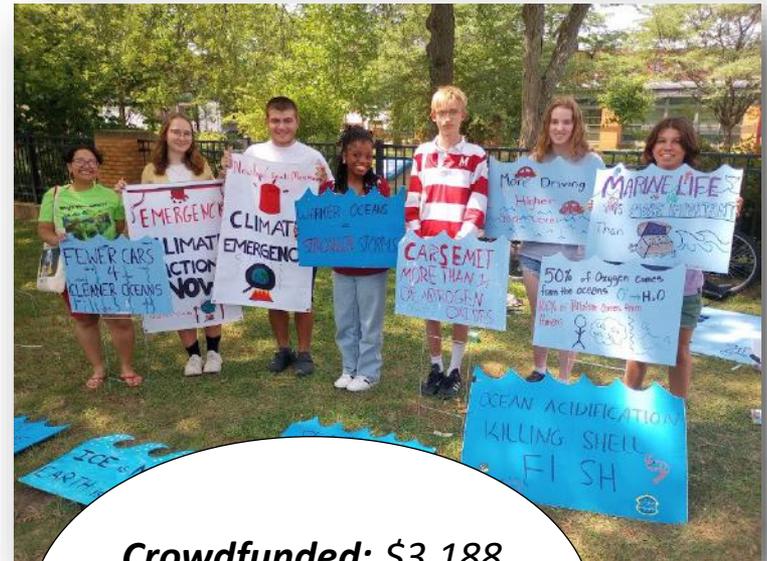
## **Environmental Fund**

*Projects that relate to environmental sustainability and/or address climate change.*

# DeCARbonize the Oceans Community Education Project

## New Haven

Supporting over ten local high school interns in creative outreach and public education on the benefits of increasing alternative transportation infrastructure and use. Interns also will have the opportunity to advocate for City and State investment in specific improvements like free bus passes, improved bus service, and safer street design.



**Crowdfunded: \$3,188**

**SCT Match: \$3,188**

**Total Raised: \$6,376**

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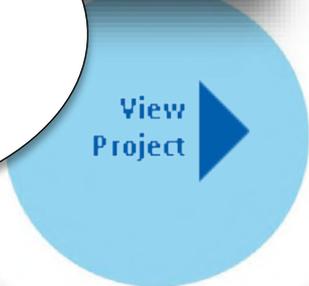
# Community Garden Bed Replacement *Vernon*



Replacing damaged elevated garden beds with longer-lasting beds, adding more beds to support more plantings, and clearing the gardener waitlist.



**Crowdfunded:** \$4,205  
**SCT Match:** \$4,205  
**Total Raised:** \$8,410



# Allen's Meadow- Native SHRUBS for BIRDS and Pollinators

## Wilton

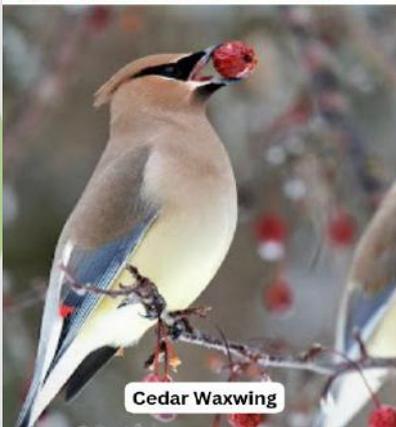
Enhancing the new native pollinator meadow's perimeter with native berry producing shrubs that benefit migrating songbirds and enhancing the beauty of the Wilton community.



Eastern Bluebird- nests in Bluebird boxes around the meadow



American Robin, CT's state bird



Cedar Waxwing



Scarlet Tanager migrating to Peru



**Crowdfunded: \$4,715**  
**SCT Match: \$4,100**  
**Total Raised: \$8,815**

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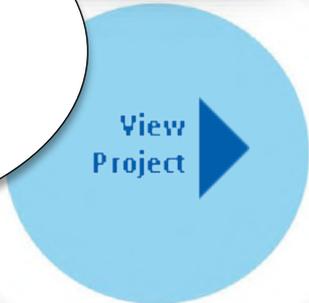
# SOS Trees- Save our Shade 2025

## Old Saybrook

Building up Old Saybrook's tree canopy by supporting SOS Trees to provide trees to residents and business partners in town.



**Crowdfunded: \$4,100**  
**SCT Match: \$4,100**  
**Total Raised: \$8,200**





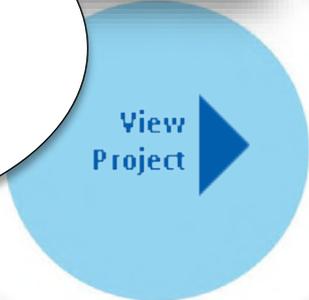
# Trees for Goshen

## Goshen

Beautifying Goshen's town center by planting a combination of ten flowering and shade trees in front of the Town Hall and Goshen Center School.



**Crowdfunded: \$4,700**  
**SCT Match: \$4,075**  
**Total Raised: \$8,775**



# Norwalk River Riparian Restoration

## Norwalk

Removing non-native plant species and planting a healthy riparian buffer to create a habitat for fish, birds, and important pollinators.



**Crowdfunded: \$6,985**

**SCT Match: \$2,300**

**Total Raised: \$9,285**

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Project



# Caritas Community Orchard *Hartford*

Upgrading an existing pear orchard to a pocket park.



**Crowdfunded: \$3,470**

**SCT Match: \$3,470**

**Total Raised: \$6,940**

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Project 

## Community Composting at Boulder Knoll Farm *Cheshire*

Creating a Community Composting facility that will be a “living laboratory” to educate the community about composting's benefits. The Community Composting facility will sponsor workshops for students, families and adults to see and understand nature's interconnected web of growth, decomposition and regrowth.



**Crowdfunded: \$3,602**

**SCT Match: \$3,500**

**Total Raised: \$7,102**

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# The New Guilford Community Garden – Help Us Build!

## Guilford

Establishing an inclusive community garden for Guilford. The garden will be a donation garden for the food bank and others; including workshops; pollinator habitats; and public spaces.



**Crowdfunded: \$7,565**

**SCT Match: \$7,500**

**Total Raised: \$15,065**

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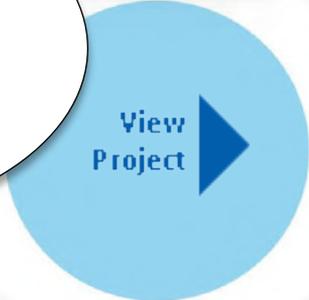


## E.O. Smith Composting Program *Mansfield*

Purchasing washable trays, cups, and silverware to reduce trash and purchasing equipment to sort food scraps from waste in the cafeteria.



**Crowdfunded:** \$3,975  
**SCT Match:** \$3,925  
**Total Raised:** \$7,900



# Trees for Suffield Initiative 2025

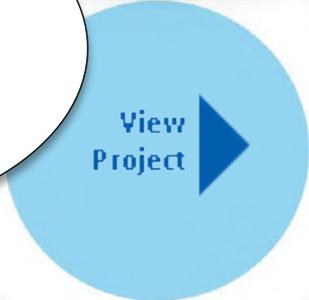
## Suffield



Replenishing and enhancing Suffield's historic tree canopy by planting native trees.



**Crowdfunded: \$6,178**  
**SCT Match: \$6,000**  
**Total Raised: \$12,178**



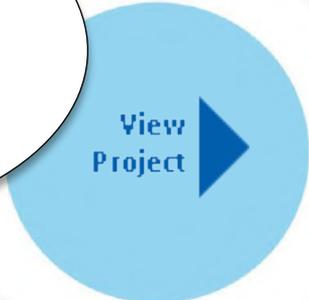


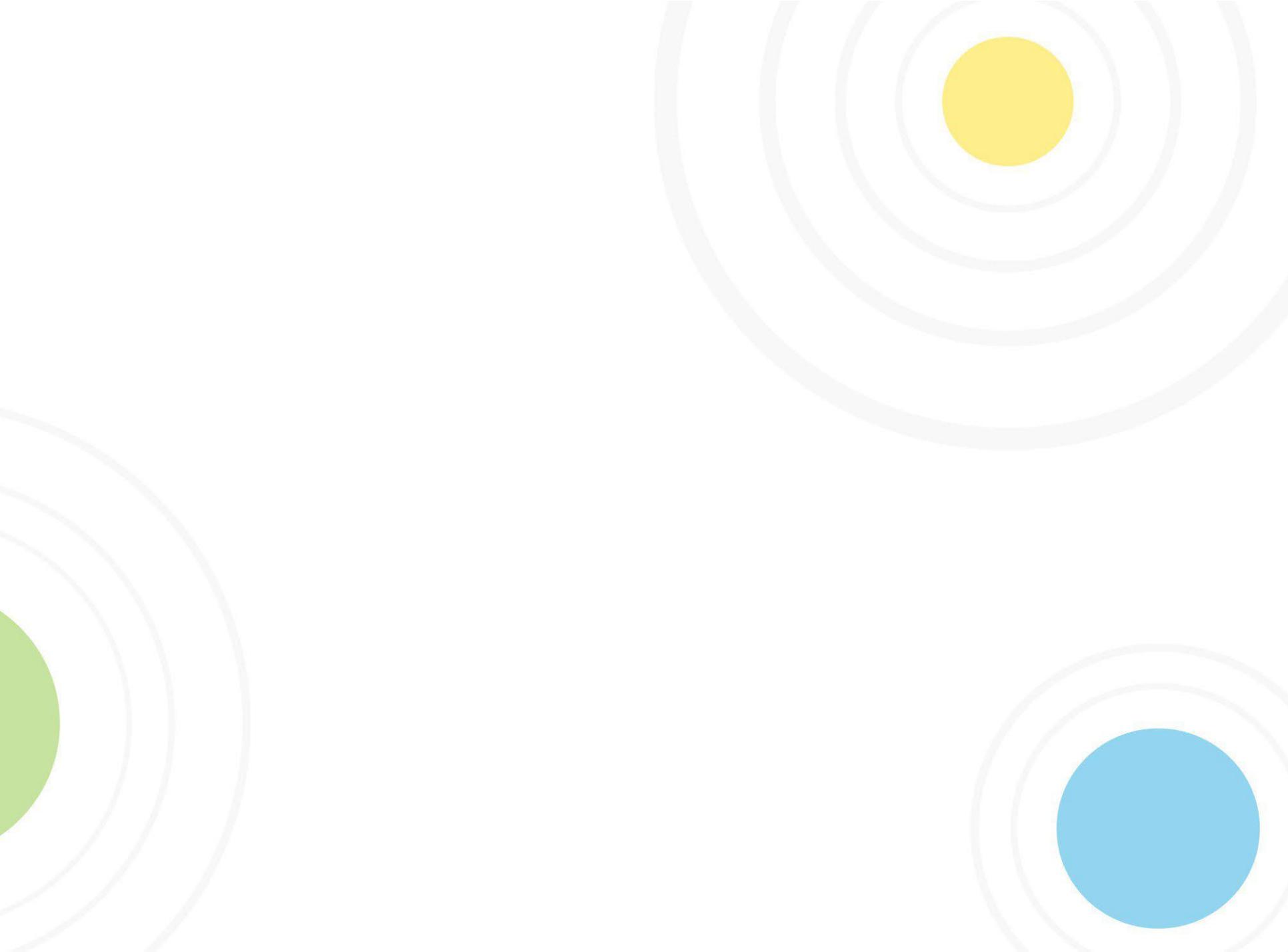
# Eastern Connecticut Community Gardens Association (ECCGA) – 2026 Giving Garden Internship (Mystic) Stonington

Supporting the Eastern CT Community Garden Association for a 2026 high school student internship program at the Craig Floyd Giving Garden in Mystic, CT.



**Crowdfunded: \$6,315**  
**SCT Match: \$6,000**  
**Total Raised: \$12,315**







# **Social Change**

*Projects led by Black, Latinx, multiracial, Indigenous and other people of color (POC) community organizers and organizations.*

## In My Element: A Platform for Creativity & Connection *Hamden*

Building a platform that amplifies artistic voices, unites communities, and celebrates creativity through vibrant live events and engaging digital content.



**Crowdfunded: \$2,840**

**SCT Match: \$2,840**

**Total Raised: \$5,680**

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## Save Remington Woods | Sierra Club CT Chapter *Bridgeport*

Creating a documentary that highlights why Remington Woods matters—for the environment, for the city, and for future generations. The funds will support production, marketing, and screenings to inspire action and protect the unique space.



**Crowdfunded: \$7,505**

**SCT Match: \$7,500**

**Total Raised: \$15,005**

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## P2A: Bees & Beans, Good for the Park! *Middletown*

Supporting a year-long internship program for 8-10 high school students to learn about agriculture, agribusinesses, community organizing, and outreach.



**Crowdfunded: \$7,629**

**SCT Match: \$7,500**

**Total Raised: \$15,129**

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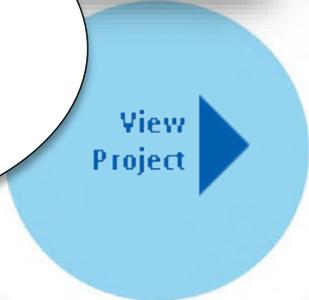
# West Hartford Community Juneteenth Celebration 2025

## West Hartford

Supporting and celebrating West Hartford's annual Juneteenth celebration that honors the legacy of freedom, resilience, and achievement in African American history.



**Crowdfunded: \$4,785**  
**SCT Match: \$4,500**  
**Total Raised: \$9,285**



# We Will Not Be Erased: An LGBTQ+ Community Art Show!

## Hartford

Supporting the creation of a powerful art show that celebrates the voices of LGBTQ+ artists, while also creating a space for building a stronger, compassionate community.

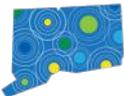


**Crowdfunded: \$1,927**

**SCT Match: \$1,927**

**Total Raised: \$3,854**

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## cART in the Streets - FREE HART - Art for All Hartford

Creating joyful community art making for all ages with a mobile pushcart. The cart will serve various locations including farmers markets, community gardens, and public parks and pools.



**Crowdfunded: \$7,345**

**SCT Match: \$7,345**

**Total Raised: \$14,690**

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## Día de los Muertos Celebración in Downtown Hartford *Hartford*

Supporting the growth of a vibrant cultural tradition that brings art, music, and healing to the heart of our community. This free, public kickoff event launched a citywide season of Día de los Muertos events.



**Crowdfunded: \$6,950**

**SCT Match: \$6,000**

**Total Raised: \$12,950**

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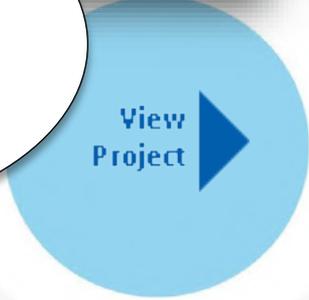
# 2025 Bridgeport Film Festival

## Bridgeport

Helping The Bridgeport Film Fest returning for its fifth year, celebrating three days of powerful short films and community connection. The festival showcases the humanities and arts through an exciting lineup of film screenings, hands-on workshops, engaging panel discussions, live music, and the immersive “VR for Good” program; placing audiences inside the experiences of historically marginalized communities.



**Crowdfunded: \$7,394**  
**SCT Match: \$6,000**  
**Total Raised: \$13,394**



# Night Fall 2025

## Hartford

Supporting a FREE celebration of sustainability, seasonal change, and Hartford's beautiful park system. Every year, Night Fall offers no-cost workshops and pop-ups that culminate in a giant outdoor spectacular that features the talents of local musicians, dancers, actors, comedians, designers, fabricators, and more.



**Crowdfunded: \$6,359**

**SCT Match: \$6,000**

**Total Raised: \$12,359**

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## Cooperate Connecticut

*Bridgeport, Hamden, Hartford, New Haven, New London,  
Waterbury & Windham*

Supporting the convening of our local and regional co-op movement, including co-op members, developers, funders, investors, technical assistance providers, worker self-directed non-profits, grassroots collectives, and coalitions, and the co-op curious to connect, learn, and strategize around building businesses and an economy that prioritizes people and the planet over profit.

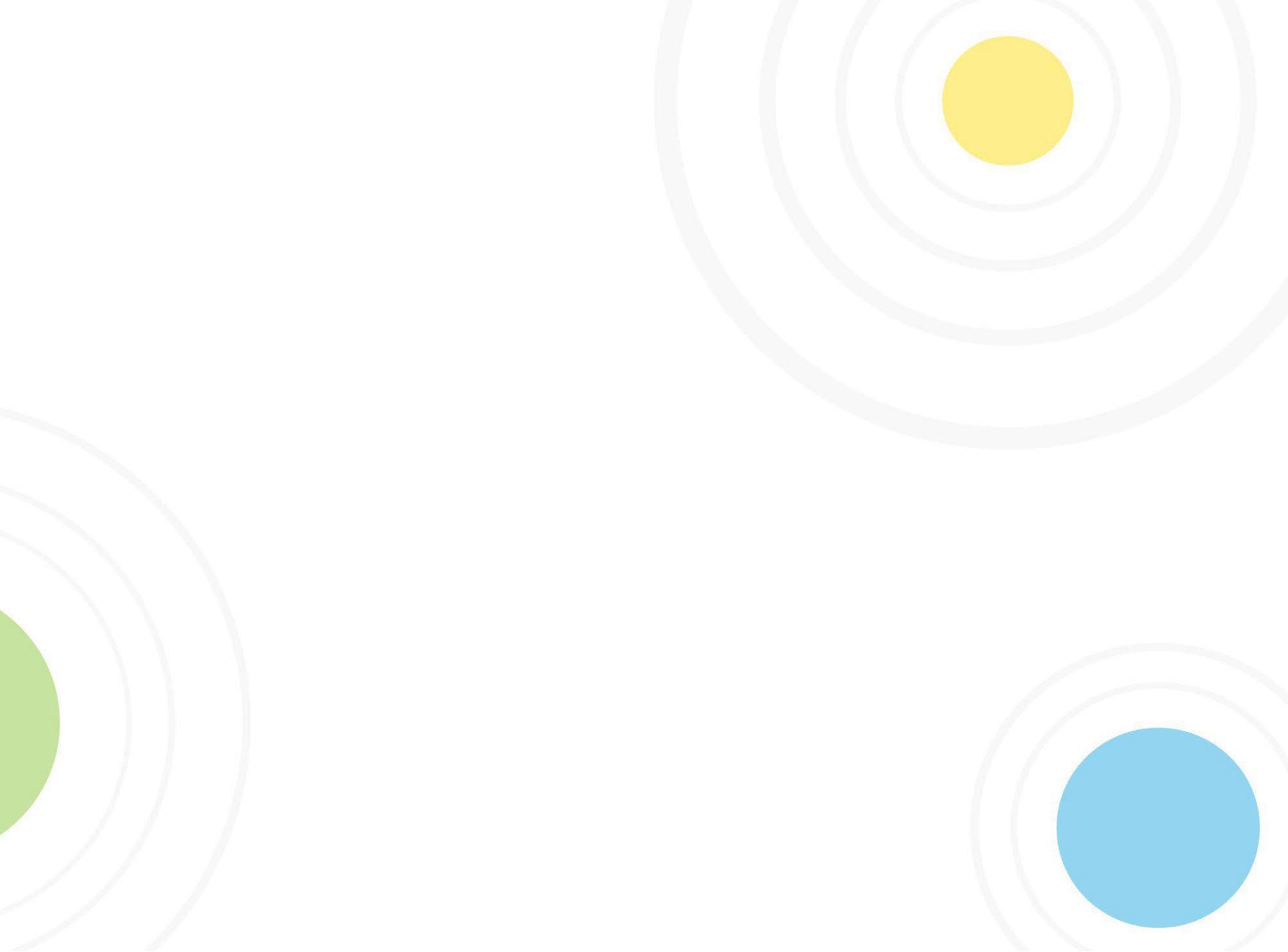


**Crowdfunded: \$6,000**

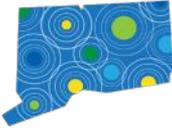
**SCT Match: \$6,000**

**Total Raised: \$12,000**

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# Vibrant Communities Fund

*Projects that align with the  
Sustainable CT roadmap of actions that promote  
healthy, resilient, and inclusive  
neighborhoods and towns.*

## Support Tree Ambassadors *New Haven*

Supporting URI Tree Ambassadors to knock on doors safely, professionally, and warmly in low canopy cover neighborhoods.



**Crowdfunded: \$2,340**

**SCT Match: \$2,000**

**Total Raised: \$4,340**

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Project



## Tool Library for Windham *Windham*

Helping the Willimantic Public Library to create a Tool Library so that the community will have increased access to tools for home repairs, remodeling, gardening, lawn work, sewing, and decorating.



**Crowdfunded: \$4,130**

**SCT Match: \$4,130**

**Total Raised: \$8,260**

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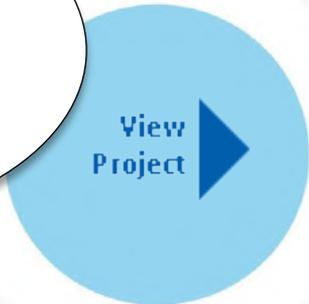
# West Hartford Tree Project 2025

## West Hartford

Helping the West Hartford Tree Project to purchase over 1,000 native trees and shrubs to be distributed free of charge to West Hartford residents. Advice, education, and tree cages are provided to ensure the highest survival rate possible.



**Crowdfunded: \$8,760**  
**SCT Match: \$7,500**  
**Total Raised: \$16,260**



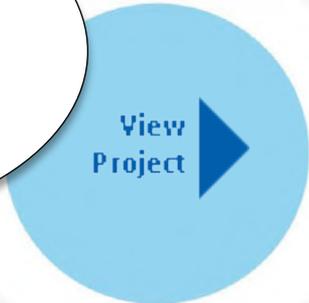
# Breaking the Silence: Exploring White Privilege in Action

## Madison

Helping the Inaba Action Team to host a three-part series featuring Debby Irving deconstructing white privilege.



**Crowdfunded: \$4,000**  
**SCT Match: \$3,000**  
**Total Raised: \$7,000**



## Bethel Arts 2025-2026 Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit

### *Bethel*

Supporting an exhibit that includes large-scale sculptures displayed on platforms on the grounds of the Bethel Municipal Center and library created by CT artists. The exhibit includes seven large-scale sculptures.



**Crowdfunded: \$7,530**

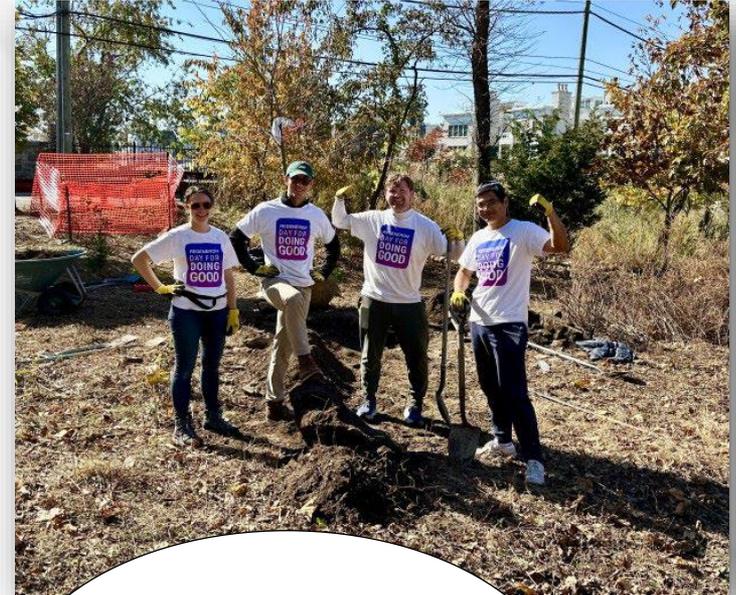
**SCT Match: \$7,500**

**Total Raised: \$15,030**

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## Building Community Access at Audubon's Oneida Sanctuary *Greenwich*

Restoring habitat at Audubon's Oneida Sanctuary and creating new paths, seating areas, and signage to make the sanctuary more accessible to the Greenwich Community.



**Crowdfunded: \$7,250**

**SCT Match: \$7,250**

**Total Raised: \$14,500**

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Project



## Ellington Farmers Market- Farmers Feeding Families *Ellington*

Supporting the Farmers Feeding Families program that ensures that fresh, local food is accessible to those in need while supporting Connecticut farmers.



**Crowdfunded: \$7,969**

**SCT Match: \$7,500**

**Total Raised: \$15,469**

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Project



# Huneebee Project Beekeepers in Residence

## *New Haven*

Mobilizing resilient youth as pollinator stewards and community change agents.



**Crowdfunded: \$7,800**

**SCT Match: \$6,000**

**Total Raised: \$13,800**

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Project

## Send a Kid to Farm & Forest Camp *Portland*

Giving children access to a place where they can explore and enjoy the stillness of the woods, get their hands in the dirt, plant and harvest organic vegetables and learn to respect themselves, nature and each other under the supervision of caring, experienced mentors.



**Crowdfunded: \$7,501**

**SCT Match: \$7,500**

**Total Raised: \$15,001**

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## Two Wrasslin' Cats Mural *East Haddam*

Painting a new mural at the site of the Two Wrasslin' Cats Cafe in East Haddam that celebrates our diverse heritage. The mural is about fostering important conversations and celebrating the rich, diverse histories that shape the community.



**Crowdfunded: \$7,510**

**SCT Match: \$7,500**

**Total Raised: \$15,010**

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Project

# Center Streets 2025

## West Hartford

Supporting an annual vibrant, community-driven event where everyone is invited to come together, enjoy the streets of West Hartford, and connect with neighbors. Bike West Hartford created this car-free festival to encourage health, connection, and fun.

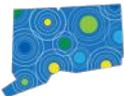


**Crowdfunded: \$8,416**

**SCT Match: \$7,500**

**Total Raised: \$15,916**

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Project



## Hartford Press Co-op Community Workshop Series

### Hartford

Activating a new community printmaking and book arts studio with a series of accessible community workshops.



**Crowdfunded: \$4,092**

**SCT Match: \$4,000**

**Total Raised: \$8,092**

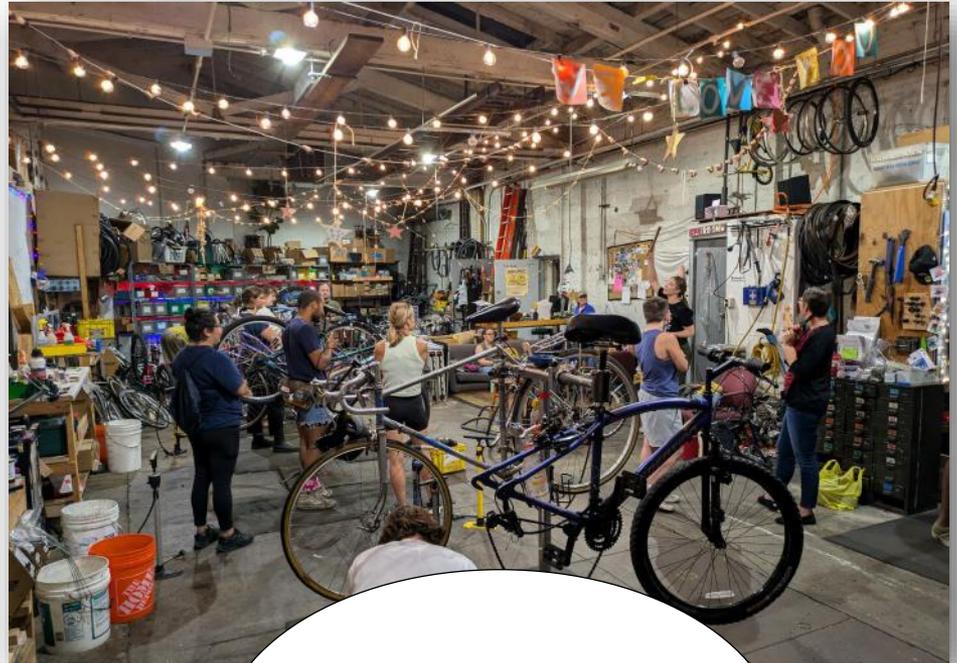
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## 10 More Years: Expanding BSBC's Giveaway Program *New Haven*

Expanding Bradley Street Bicycle Co-op's bike giveaway program to support three new partners.



**Crowdfunded: \$7,676**

**SCT Match: \$7,500**

**Total Raised: \$15,176**

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Project



## Time's Fool Company presents *Hamlet* *Wethersfield*

Supporting Time's Fool Company to bring free, professional theatre to Wethersfield and the Greater Hartford Area. Access to affordable theatre builds communities, supports local businesses, and fosters empathy, equity, and inclusion.



**Crowdfunded: \$6,022**

**SCT Match: \$6,000**

**Total Raised: \$12,022**

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Project

## Q Plus Summits

*Middletown, New Haven & Westbrook*

Facilitating LGBTQ+ Youth Summits in Connecticut with a variety of topics, from self-care to community advocacy to LGBTQ+ history.



**Crowdfunded: \$7,500**

**SCT Match: \$7,500**

**Total Raised: \$15,000**

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Project 

# EveryBODY Deserves Accessibility At Rockhouse *Oxford*

Increasing accessibility to Rockhouse's trail system by supporting the Youth Conservation Corp's paid summer internship program.



**Crowdfunded: \$6,922**

**SCT Match: \$6,000**

**Total Raised: \$12,922**

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Project

# Deep River Library Pocket Park

## Deep River

Building a public space for all with seating, native plantings, and public art overlooking the Deep River library and adjacent rain garden.



**Crowdfunded: \$6,517**

**SCT Match: \$5,325**

**Total Raised: \$11,842**

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Project

# West Hartford Tree Project 2026

## West Hartford

Preserving the West Hartford tree canopy through the distribution of young trees to residents for free.



**Crowdfunded: \$7,708**

**SCT Match: \$6,000**

**Total Raised: \$13,708**

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## The Void *Hartford*

Supporting a community-driven art exhibition that explores consumerism and introspection through diverse creative voices.



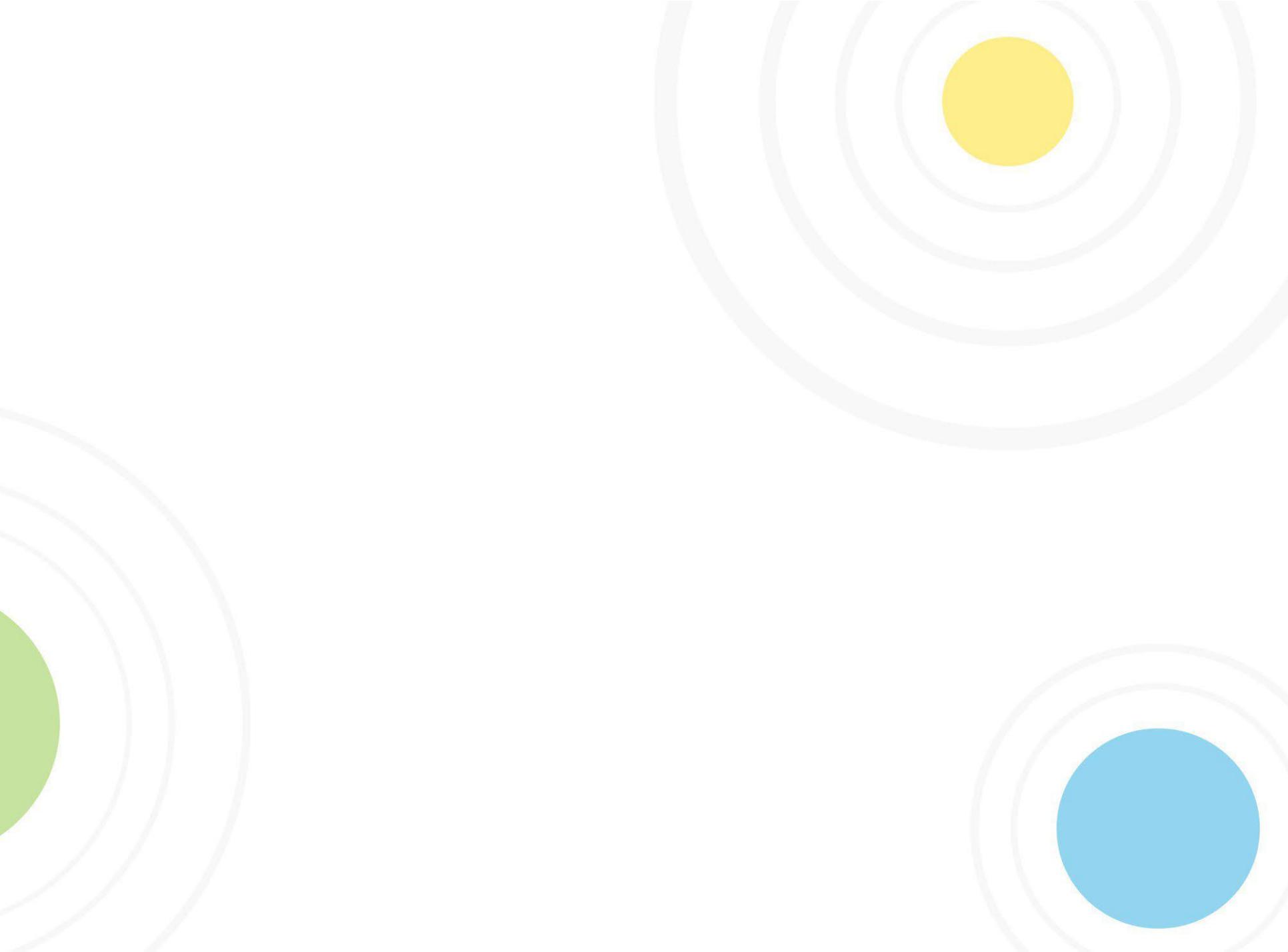
**Crowdfunded: \$2,222**

**SCT Match: \$1,818**

**Total Raised: \$4,040**

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